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LETTERS TO THE NEWS LEADER FORUM:

The Principle of Church-State SeparationUndermined by CIA Funds

Editor, The News Leader:

Revelation that Central Intelligence Agency money has been going to the National Council of Churches is shocking. What has happened to the vaunted principle of separation of church and state?

The Supreme Court has ordained that separation of church and state prevents school authorities from instituting prayers in public schools. Even the prayer, "God is great, God is good, and we thank Him for our food", is outlawed.

Experience has shown that Federal control is the price that must be paid for accepting Federal money. Now that the National Council of Churches has become the beneficiary of Federal largess, the next step is for the Supreme Court to do an about face and demand of every school child the prayer, "the state is great, the state is good, and we thank it for our food".

Pardon me, gentlemen, but your hypocrisy is showing.

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